SUBJECT No. 491

Revision of assessment on lands under tanks.

Mr. Mallappa, Challakere taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The supply of water to tanks is limited owing to scanty rainfall, and most of the tanks are silted up and do not retain as much water as was estimated at the time of Survey Settlement. It is therefore prayed that the capacity of each tank be thoroughly scrutinized and the assessment on the *bagayat* lands under them suitably revised.

SUBJECT No. 492.

Maintenance of major tanks.

Mr. Venkatasamiah, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of Representation.—A large portion of revenue derived at present is from wet lands irrigated from tanks. A committee may be appointed to supervise the major tanks and to make a report to Government upon their condition and their requirements as well as the actual extent of lands irrigated by each source.

SUBJECT No. 493.

Repairs to major tanks.

Messrs. Nadig Swami Rao and Rama Rao, Sorab taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Orders may be issued directing that the restoration of major tanks for which contributions are recovered from the ryots should be completed within three years from the date on which the contributions are recovered. The present practice of not undertaking projects although more than 10 years have expired after the recovery of the contribution deters the ryots from offering to pay contributions for the restoration of tanks.

SUBJECT No. 494.

Conservation of tank water.

Messrs. Chik Badappa, Sira taluk, and Hutchaveere Gowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Many tanks dry up in hot weather and much difficulty is thereby felt for drinking water to men and cattle. Three or 4 feet depth of water may be directed to be conserved solely for this purpose.

Lands of different villages under big tanks situated at a distance of 3 to 4 miles are given out for cultivation and they are gradually added on to the atchkat of the tanks by the levy of *nirsardi*, though the water in the tank is not enough to irrigate even the lands of the village in which the tank is situated. In consequence of this, the villagers and their cattle suffer most for want of adequate stock of water in the tank. Orders are prayed for the introduction of a Bill to regulate the water-supply.

SUBJECT No. 495.

Regulation of water-supply.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of Representation.—It may be ruled that under large tanks where *Vaishaki* crop is grown, water may be supplied from the tail end of the irrigation channel so that the lands in the tail end may not suffer as at present. This measure would save much of water which is lavishly spent.

SUBJECT No. 496.

Irrigation works in malnad.

Mr. Kalase Gowda, Mudgere taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Of late rainfall in the malnad is decreasing. The restoration of silted-up tanks and construction of channels to provide facilities for irrigation may be undertaken.